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# Authentic Real English 地道英语 Get someone's goat 火冒三丈



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#### Neil

Hello and welcome to Authentic Real English. I'm Neil and joining me is Feifei... and Fred my goat.

#### Feifei

大家好。Neil,你这玩儿的又是哪一出?怎么把羊牵到录音间来了?这味道……lt smells.

# Neil

Fred doesn't smell! I've brought my goat into the studio to teach our listeners an expression you can use when something annoys you.

#### Feifei

Well, having smelly animals in the studio annoys me.

#### Nei

Well, in that case, Feifei, you can say, 'Smelly animals in the studio get my goat.'

#### Feifei

To get somebody's goat 就是我们要学习的表达。这个表达在一个人生气的时候能用得上。什么事情或人让你生气、烦恼,你就可以说什么什么 gets my goat。

#### Neil

That's right. You can say something gets your goat if it annoys you. You know what, Feifei? It gets my goat when people say my pet Fred is smelly.

# Feifei

Ha! Here are some examples of people using the expression 'get somebody's goat'.

#### **Examples**

These queues at the post office really get my goat. I've been waiting for half an hour!

Argh, I don't believe it - I've got a parking ticket! Traffic wardens really get my goat!

These calls from people selling insurance get my goat. They've rung seven times already this morning.

# Neil

To get somebody's goat - an expression you can use when something annoys you.

# Feifei

注意,我们通常会在这个表达前用 really 来加强语气。比如 Train delays really get my goat. 火车延误特别让我恼火。

# Neil

It seems to me quite a lot of things get your goat, Feifei.

# Feifei

Not really, Neil – apart from Fred.

# Neil

Are you saying my goat gets your goat?

# **Feifei**

Yes! Your goat really gets my goat!